

## Message Text

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FOR EILTS FROM LEWIS; AMMAN FOR AMB ATHERTON

E. O. 11652: XGDS-1  
TAGS: PEPR PBOR IS EG  
SUBJ: MESSAGE FROM PM BEGIN TO PRESIDENT SADAT

1. I RECEIVED AT 1500 HOURS ON JULY 24 A NOTE FROM  
THE MILITARY SECRETARY TO PRIME MINISTER BEGIN,  
ENCLOSING A MESSAGE FROM BEGIN TO PRESIDENT SADAT  
DATED JULY 23. THE PRIME MINISTER HAS REQUESTED THE  
USE OF OUR GOOD OFFICES TO CONVEY THE MESSAGE TO  
PRESIDENT SADAT. TEXT OF BEGIN'S MESSAGE FOLLOWS:

2. QUOTE: DEAR MR PRESIDENT, MY FRIEND AND COLLEAGUE  
DEFENSE MINISTER GENERAL WEIZMAN DELIVERED TO ME YOUR  
MESSAGE FROM SALZBURG.

YOUR SUGGESTION TO ME IS THAT I SHOULD MAKE, ON  
BEHALF OF ISRAEL, A UNILATERAL ACT OF TRANSFERRING  
EL-ARISH AND THE AREA KNOWN AS THE MOSES-MOUNTAIN TO  
EGYPTIAN JURISDICTION.

YOU WILL UNDERSTAND, MR PRESIDENT, THAT NO  
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UNILATERAL STEP IS FEASIBLE BY ANY COUNTRY; WHEREAS  
NEGOTIATIONS ABOUT AN ACCORD BASED ON RECIPROCITY IS  
ALWAYS POSSIBLE.

I SUGGEST THAT, FOR THE PURPOSE OF THOSE NEGOTIATIONS,  
THE REPRESENTATIVES OF OUR COUNTRIES MEET. THEY MAY  
CONVENE IN CAIRO AND JERUSALEM, OR, IF YOU PREFER, IN

ALEXANDRIA AND HAIFA, OR ANY OTHER PLACE IN OUR COUNTRIES  
OR ABROAD.

WITH BEST PERSONAL REGARDS, MENACHEM BEGIN  
END QUOTE.

3. WHILE THIS WAS BEING TYPED, I HAVE LEARNED FROM  
KADISHAI, BEGIN'S PERSONAL ASSISTANT, THAT THE ISRAELIS  
HAD INITIALLY TRIED TO DELIVER THIS MESSAGE DIRECTLY  
THROUGH WEIZMAN'S STAFF IN ALEXANDRIA. APPARENTLY THIS  
EFFORT WAS REBUFFED BY THE EGYPTIANS WHO SAID IT SHOULD  
BE DELIVERED VIA U.S. CHANNELS.

3. WOULD APPRECIATE PROMPT CONFIRMATION THAT DELIVERY  
HAS BEEN EFFECTED. LEWIS

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